GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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EARNINGS FROM SECURITY DEPOSITS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of telephone subscribers in the country , State-wise;

(b) the amount of total security deposits and the income earned by way of interest accrued thereon ; and

(c) the manner in which this amount is utilized by the Government ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKADAR)

(a) The details of total number of telephone subscribers of Government Operators i.e. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), in the country, Telecom Service Area Unit wise i.e. in Telecom Circles and Metro Districts are given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c): The total amount of security deposit received from subscribers is Rs. 5183.93 crores. No income by way of interest is earned from such deposits as these are utilized and deployed as capital expenditure for the expansion of the existing telecommunication network and introduction of new technologies.

ANNEXURE

UNIT-WISE STATUS (TELEPHONES) AS ON 31.3.2002

SL. NO.	TELECOM CIRCLE/METRO DISTRICTS	TOTAL NUMBER OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS OF BSNL/MTNL (INCLUDING WIRELESS IN LOCAL LOOP AND CELLULAR CONNECTIONS)
1	ANDAMAN NICOBAR	33034
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	3140948
3	ASSAM	424751
4	BIHAR	804948
5	CHHATTISGARH	265394
6	GUJRAT	2850045
7	HARYANA	988109
8	HIMACHAL PRADESH	440398
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR	222811
10	JHARKHAND	382935
11	KARNATAKA	2591553
12	KERALA	2694390
13	MADHYA PRADESH	1151685
14	MAHARASHTRA	3648015
15	NORTH EAST-I	169757
16	NORTH EAST-II	119930
17	ORISSA	653436
18	PUNJAB	1928153
19	RAJASTHAN	1603701
20	TAMIL NADU	2780859
21	UTTARANCHAL	314741
22	UTTAR PRADESH (E)	1702597
23	UTTAR PRADESH (W)	1159606
24	WEST BENGAL	1001486
25	CALCUTTA	1329790
26	CHENNAI	1029802
27	BSNL TOTAL	33432874
28	MTNL DELHI	2199007

MTNL MUMBAI 2430702

MTNL TOTAL 4629709

ALL INDIA TOTAL 38062583